29. Setting up of Interpretation Centre at Naubat Khana.
30. Improvement of open land and the passage between Naubat Khana and Meena Bazaar.
31. Khas Mahal and Musamman Burj.
32. Repairs of the Asad Burj.
33. Water Gate below Khas Mahal and Musamman Burj.
34. City Wall, Darya Ganj.
35. Security/flood Lights within the Red Fort.
36. Repairs to the Salimgarh Fort.
37. Repairs to the City Wall along Nicholson Road near Kashmiri Gate.

Tourists spots in Punjab

3370. SHRI SUKHBIR SINGH : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the tourist spots now existing in Punjab;

(b) the details of these spots which are based on religious background and also on other aspects; and

(c) the amount earmarked for renovation and development of the existing tourist spots?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) Some of the important tourist spots in Punjab are :

> Amritsar, Goindwal, Ram Tirth, Harike Wetland, Pathankot, Hoshiarpur, Dholbaha, Jalandhar, Nakodar, Kapurthala, Sultanpur Lodhi, Bhatinda, Faridkot, Sirhind, Aam Khas Bagh, Sanghol, Ferozepur, Patiala, Shambhu, Chattbir Zoo, Roper, Bhakra Nangal Project, Sangrur.

(b) Some of the important religious places are :

> Amritsar, Taran Taran, Baba Bakala, Dera Baba Nanak, Sri Hargobindpur, Batala, Qadian, Kartarpur, Talwandi Sabo, Fatehgarh Sahib, Muktsar, Anandpur Sahib.

(c) The Department of Tourism, Government of India, provides Central financial assistance for Integrated Development of tourist circuits and Product/Infrastructure and Destination Development. A proposal for development of Amritsar as a tourist destination is under consideration

and the Minister for Tourism and Culture has himself visited Amritsar to work out the detail.

Effect of US-Iraq war on Tourism Projects

3371. SHRI DATTA MEGHE : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Tourism hit as war clouds burst" which appeared in the Times of India dated the 30th March, 2003;

(b) if so, whether the US-Iraq war has affected several tourism projects;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government have taken any steps to boost inflow and outgo of tourists inspite of war situation; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) and (e) The Department of Tourism, Govt. of India has the following short-tem and long-term plans to make tourism more attractive :—

- Positioning and maintaining tourism development as a National priority activity;
- Enhancing and maintaining the competitiveness of India as a tourism destination;
- Improving India's existing tourism products and expanding these to meet new market requirements;
- Creation of world class infrastructure;
- Developing sustained and effective market plans and programmes;
- Special thrust to rural and small segment tourism;